COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1121

Monday, *the* $\frac{\textit{29th July 1946}}{\textit{13th Karkadagam 1121}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir GEORGE BOAG, K.C.I.E, C.S.I.) in the Chair.

SWEARING IN OF A NEW MEMBER

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar was sworn in.

The following members were present.—

1. Mrs. T. Francis.
2. Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar.
3. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.
4. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.
5. ,, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri.
6. ,, T. K. L. Kunjuvareed.
7. ,, T. V. Kochuvareed.
8. ,, M. O. Thomakutty.
9. ,, P. V. Sebastian.
10. ,, K. A. Raghavan
11. ,, P. E. Warne.
12. ,, S. S. Koder.
13. Dr. S. S. Rao.
14. Mr. Jos. K. Verghese.
15. ,, P. A. Muhamad Ashroff.
16. Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael, Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.
17. Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Chief Engineer.
18. Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu, Diwan Peishkar.
19. Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E., Chief Secretary to Government.
20. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon, Minister for Development.
21. ,, Parambi Lonappen, Minister for Public Health.
22. Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew, Secretary to Government. (Development, etc. Departments)
23. Mr. B. V. K. Menon, Secretary to Government (Finance, etc. Departments)
24. ,, Sivarama Menon, Advocate General.
25. ,, S. Venkateswaran, Conservator of Forests.
26. Rao Sahib M. M. Paul, Director of Food Supplies.
27. Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar, Director of Public Instruction.

THE MESSAGE OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA

Mr. President: Hon'ble Members, I have a message from His Highness the Maharaja.—

"The events of the past few months have brought grave issues to the forefront of Indian Politics. The Statements of the Cabinet Delegation and the Viceroy have raised hopes as well as misgivings in the people of this country and more especially so in the Subjects of Indian States. Important constitutional changes are envisaged by those Statements and it is but natural that my Subjects and the Wider Public of India should feel anxious to know my attitude towards these imminent reforms.

I have given deep consideration to these matters and have studied carefully the points of view put forward by various leaders of British India and the States. It is a consolation to know that the integrity of India is not to be broken up and that in framing the future Constitution of India we can proceed on that basis. Personally I have always felt—and nothing that I have read these days has changed my view—that the States are an integral part of India and should therefore act in unison with the British Indian Provinces and for the benefit of the Whole. For if India becomes great, every part of it becomes great and the States too derive the benefit and the glory.

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